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Austin Evers  
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FOIA Request No. 18-01730-F

Dear Austin Evers:

This letter is an interim response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated April 27, 2018 and received in this office on April 30, 2018. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate offices to search for documents that may be responsive to your request: Office of the Under Secretary (OUS), Office of the Secretary (OS), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Office of the Deputy Secretary (ODS) and Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE).

You requested:

- All communications and calendar entries regarding the borrower defense rule between any of the individuals listed below and anyone in the Executive Office of the President, including anyone using an eop.gov email address:
  - Secretary DeVos,
  - The Deputy Secretary,
  - The Under Secretary,
  - The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education,
  - The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs,
  - The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation,
  - The Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education,
  - The General Counsel,
  - The Deputy General Counsel for Postsecondary Service,
  - Any other political appointee, SES employee, or person holding an administrative, determined position in the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the Office of the Under Secretary, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, the Office of Higher Education Programs, the Office of Policy, Planning and Innovation, The Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, or the Office of the General Counsel
  - Anyone acting on behalf of any of the individuals listed above such as administrative assistants or chiefs of staff, calendar entries created in Outlook or similar programs the documents should be produced in “memo” form to include all invitees, any notes, and all attachments.

Staff in the ODS and OCTAE informed the FOIA Services Center that after a search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

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At this time, the Department is continuing to process your request and your FOIA request case file remains open. It will not close until the Department provides you with a response regarding outstanding responsive documents. Our final release letter will contain information related to your appeal rights of the agency's decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at (202) 401-8365 or via e-mail at [EDFOIAManager@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAManager@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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